

## Nouns in Phrases

### Teaching

Nouns often appear in prepositional phrases and appositive phrases. These phrases add information to the sentence.

An **object of a preposition** is the noun or pronoun that follows the preposition.

Dina enjoys cooking food from other countries.

(The preposition is *from*; the object of the preposition is the noun *countries*; the prepositional phrase is *from other countries*.)

An **appositive** is a noun or pronoun that identifies or renames another noun or pronoun. An **appositive phrase** is made up of an appositive and its modifiers.

Biscotti, crisp cookies, are loved by children in Italy.

(The appositive is the noun *cookies*; the appositive phrase is *crisp cookies*.)

Appositive phrases that provide information that isn't essential to the understanding of the preceding noun should be separated from the rest of the sentence by commas.

Jake tried borscht, a Russian beet soup, at the party.

### Identifying Nouns Used as Objects of Prepositions and Appositives

Identify each boldfaced noun as an object of a preposition or an appositive. Write **OP** or **APP** on the line to the right.

1. We planned an international party in the **neighborhood**. \_\_\_\_\_
2. On **Sunday** every family brought a special dish to share. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pita, thin **bread**, was stacked on a platter. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Pierre brought Brie, a French **cheese**. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Our Japanese neighbors served tempura on a large **platter**. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Chicken, beans, and cheese are good fillings for **burritos**. \_\_\_\_\_
7. As a **topping** we used salsa and sour cream. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Our Italian neighbors provided antipasto, delicious **appetizers**. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tandoori, a special cooking **method**, is used in India. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Our friends from **Greece** brought lamb shish kebabs. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The meat and vegetables were cooked on metal **skewers**. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Kasha, a coarsely ground **grain**, looked like porridge. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Everybody enjoyed apple strudel, a German **dessert**. \_\_\_\_\_
14. We are already planning another international food festival for next **summer**. \_\_\_\_\_

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## More Practice

### A. Identifying Nouns in Phrases

Each sentence below has either an appositive phrase or a prepositional phrase. Underline the phrase and circle its noun. On the line to the right, write **OP** if the underlined word is the object of a preposition or **APP** if it is the noun in an appositive phrase.

1. Curry, a deep yellow powder, is a popular Indian spice. \_\_\_\_\_
2. You can find curry in the spice section. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pizza lovers have their choice of toppings. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tortillas are often made from corn flour. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Quesadillas, cheese sandwiches, are Mexican specialties. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Appetizers are popular in every country. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Red, green, or yellow peppers can be filled with stuffing. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Baklava, a honey-soaked pastry, is a delicious dessert. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Making baklava takes a great deal of time. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Potiza, a Slovenian nutbread, is a delicious holiday treat. \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Using Nouns in Phrases

Write sentences, using the prepositional phrases given in items 1, 2, and 3. Then use the phrases in items 4 and 5 as appositive phrases in original sentences.

1. around the rice  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. throughout dinner  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. between courses  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. a familiar ice cream flavor  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. a special dessert  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Application

### A. Using Nouns in Phrases

Write a sentence using each noun as the object of a preposition or as the noun in an appositive phrase. Follow the directions in parentheses.

- 1. breakfast** (Use in a prepositional phrase.)

- 2. bread** (Use in a prepositional phrase.)

- 3. dessert** (Use in an appositive phrase.)

- 4. mixture** (Use in an appositive phrase.)

- 5. spoon** (Use in a prepositional phrase.)

## B. Writing Nouns in Phrases

Write a paragraph explaining how to make an easy dish. It can be something as simple as a fried egg or a sandwich. If you like, you can invent a dish to make. Describe the utensils and ingredients you need to prepare the dish. Use at least two prepositional phrases and two appositive phrases in your paragraph. Underline those phrases and label them by writing **PP** or **APP** above them.

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